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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AR, CI

SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS OF ARGENTINA AND CHILE

REF: SANTIAGO 2742

1. VENUE FOR MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENTS PERON AND PINOCHET HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM BARILOCHE TO THE MARON AIR BASE NEAR BUENOS AIRES. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT PINOCHET MET PRESIDNET JUAN PERON THERE FOR A FEW BRIEF HOURS LAST YEAR. ON THAT OCCASION THE MEETING WAS HELD AT MARON BECAUSE THE GOA WAS FACED WITH A SERIOUS PUBLIC RELATIONS PROBLEM IN HANDLING ITS RELATIONS WITH THE PINOCHET GOVERNMENT. ON THE OFFICIAL LEVEL, IT WANTED TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS, BUT ON THE PUBLIC LEVEL, IT DID NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE TOO CLOSE TO THE GOC. ON THIS OCCASION, HOWEVER, THE DECISION TO MOVE TO MARON IS SOMEWHAT PUZZLING SINCE IT WAS THE GOA WHICH ASKED PINOCHET TO COME TO ARGENTINA TO MEET WITH MRS. PERON. THE OFFICIAL EXPLANATION HANDED OUT IS THAT THE MOVE WAS MADE FOR SECURITY REASONS. THIS IS POSSIBLE, BUT ON THE SURFACE AT LEAST IT APPEARED THAT SECURITY COULD HAVE BEEN MADE AS TIGHT IN BARILOCHE AS AT MARON.

2. WHATEVER THE REASON FOR THE SHIFT, BA PRESS IS ALREADY BEGINNING TO HAVE FUN WITH IT. CARTOON APPEARED ON ONE PAPER THIS MORNING SHOWING PINOCHET FURIOUSLY FLAPPING HIS ARMS TO REMAIN A FEW FEET OFF THE GROUND AND SAYING "IF YOU PREFER  
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SENORA PRESIDENTE, I CAN CONVERSE WITHOUT TOUCHING DOWN-

THEN NOBODY NEED BE EMBARRASSED".

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